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In the late 1930s the Hermann Goering Institute in Berlin, a front for internal security services of the German Reich, distinguished itself with the claim that they could tap any telephone in Germany on very short notice. It appears to me that this proposal is nothing less than our own, homegrown version, of this same horror. Yes, horror. Because the experience of ages proves that once such powers are assumed by government, they will invariably be turned against the very people that they were supposed to protect. Want proof -- just take a cursory look at the way civil forfeiture is being routinely applied today.

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"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." [2]

-Benjamin Franklin, Historical Review of Pennsylvania.

falls on the deaf ears of the frightened or power-hungry.

Furthermore, no one - not the Attorney General, not the Recording Industry, not Congress should be dictating limitations on technological advances. It is appropriate for the government to protect the rights of others from being violated by those who use technology for nefarious ends, but not to prohibit or castrate technological advances.

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